

SPECIAL DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK CONDITIONS

FOR

GUIDED BICYCLE TRIPS

(Camping is not permitted for this commercial activity)

1. The Guided Bicycle Trips CUA allows the Holder to conduct guided bicycle trips for private individuals, groups or organizations. The Holder is not permitted to transport clients in any vehicle while operating under this permit unless the Holder also holds a valid Commercial Transportation CUA and the vehicle is registered with the California Public Utilities Commission. The Holder must also be issued a Guided Hiking CUA to conduct any hikes in Death Valley National Park or a Drive-In Camping CUA to include camping in this activity. The Holder is responsible for the actions of their clients while they are out of the vehicle and participating in the guided activity.
2. In accepting this Authorization, the Holder acknowledges that the proposed activity, in order to qualify for a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA), must bear a direct relationship to the purpose for which the Park was established; for example, visitor understanding and enjoyment of the Park. Even though the activity may be primarily recreational in nature, the Holder agrees to provide time, stops, and talks to accurately explain the natural ecosystems, history and culture within the Park, to their clientele.
3. Information provided through tour leaders, brochures, literature or advertising will insure that the information that is provided to Park visitors is accurate and reflects the most current information available to depict Park flora, fauna, culture and history. (Information may be found on the internet at <http://www.nps.gov/deva/index.htm>). A general outline of information to be provided must be submitted along with the application for CUA.
4. The Holder shall train their employees and educate their clients to ensure that the Park's geological, biological, historical and archeological resources are not disturbed. The Holder is responsible for informing their employees and clients of Park regulations and assuring compliance on full service trips. The Holder shall insure that all employees and clients entering the Park are informed of all applicable "Special Park Conditions" of this Authorization. The company may be cited for any violations committed by their employee(s). (The Holder is responsible for the actions of its client(s) while they are under the direction of the guide.)
5. Commercial use authorizations issued by Death Valley National Park are only valid for planned and approved activities within Death Valley National Park and are not transferable to other National Park Service units.
6. The Holder is required to carry a valid copy of this Authorization while conducting guiding services within the Park.
7. Guides must be the direct employees of the CUA Holder. Guides must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years old. The Holder shall ensure that their guides possess the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to safely lead groups on day trips into the Park. The Guides must have experience in the areas in which they guide. Guides, leading clients into the Park must understand the hazards involved and be properly trained and prepared for conditions and situations, which may be encountered.
8. The holder, in exercising the privileges granted by a permit, will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, codes, permit requirements, and conditions as well as departmental guidelines and park regulations contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulation available at: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/36>
9. Holder is responsible for reading the annual Superintendent's Compendium and being familiar with all applicable laws and policies that govern Death Valley National Park:
<http://www.nps.gov/deva/parkmgmt/rules-and-regulations.htm>

10. Holder will be held responsible for assuring that entry fees are paid by all participants and agrees to pay all applicable entrance fees in effect at the time of arrival at the Park. Under 36CFR 2.23(b), failure to pay the designated entrance fee upon entering Death Valley National Park may result in a fine and the suspension or revocation of your permit.
11. Groups will notify the Death Valley National Park permits office of all proposed trips and any proposed changes to trip itineraries via a **Supplemental Activity Application** submitted to the Special Park Uses Office at least 7 business days prior to proposed trip. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of a commercial use authorization as well as other associated permits.
12. Leave No Trace principles and ethics are in effect for all participants. CUA holder must provide Leave No Trace brochures to all participants. Holder will sign a Leave No Trace Certification. Tri-fold brochure is available at: <http://Int.org/sites/default/files/PrinciplesTrifold.pdf>
13. The Holder is to maintain an accounting system under which its accounts can be readily identified with its system of accounts classification. This accounting system must be capable of providing the information required by this Authorization. The Holder grants the United States of America and the General Accounting Office access to its books and records at any time for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this Authorization.
14. The Holder shall submit the annual survey to the Office of Special Park Uses. The completed report form is due by January 15th of the year following the expiration date on this permit and includes a summary of total in-park visitor use and gross revenues for the year. Failure to submit completed documentation by the January 15th date may result in a fine and the suspension or revocation of your current permit.
15. NPS policy states that operators cannot require visitors (clients) to waive their right to hold CUA holders responsible for actions. The Holder is not permitted to require clients to sign a waiver of liability statement or form, insurance disclaimer and/or indemnification agreement. The Holder is permitted to request or require clients to sign an acknowledgement of risk statement or form prior to participation. The Holder may require or request a client sign a form or statement indicating that the client has certain prerequisite skills that may be required to participate in the commercial activity. The only Acknowledgement of Risk form that has been approved by Death Valley National Park is available on the park website at: <http://www.nps.gov/deva/parkmgmt/upload/Exhibit-1-Acknowledgement-of-Risks.pdf>
16. Additional customers may not be added to the tour while the Holder is in the Park. All bookings and financial transactions must take place outside of the Park.
17. Group leaders and guides must be currently certified at the Basic First Aid/CPR level or higher for emergency medical care.
18. Group leaders will provide initial response to emergency medical incidents.
19. Bicycle tours will not be permitted on the following roads:
 - a. Airport road – must remain clear for emergency vehicles
 - b. Furnace Creek Wash Road (Dantes View road). See Condition 27 below.
 - c. Zabriskie Point parking lot to Zabriskie Point viewing area. See Condition 27 below
 - d. All roads within established campgrounds
 - e. Road to Mesquite Spring campground
 - f. NPS service roads
 - g. All other roads signed or gated closed
20. All roadside support locations must be obtained from the list of Recommended Aid Stations (available on the NPS website:) and listed in this permit.
21. Group Size: Maximum group size is limited to 20 people, including clients and guides.

22. Support vehicle will not pace group and will use pullouts that are paved or otherwise impacted.
23. Riders will not bunch up on roadway blocking the roadway and will not ride more than one abreast except when passing.
24. Bicycles will meet California State requirements for travel at night.
25. Arrows or other types of directional signage will not be placed anywhere on the route.
26. Participants must remain with the guide at all times.
27. **Location specific conditions:**
 - **Furnace Creek Wash Road (Dante's View Road):** Bicycles will not be permitted to ride on the Furnace Creek Wash Road/Dante's View Road beyond the gate located near the Ryan Mine entrance, 2.5 miles south of State Route 190.
 - **Emigrant Road:** No groups, or fractions of groups, are permitted between mile 13 and Wildrose. Use of Emigrant Road is permitted for the first 13 miles provided groups abide by the following restrictions:
 - a. Cyclists shall be released in groups of up to 4 at a time with a 10 minute interval between groups and shall ride single file except when passing.
 - b. Groups that are conducting up and back rides must ride to the turn-around point and wait for the entire group to gather at that location prior to making the return trip.
 - c. The 10 minute time interval applies to return trips as well.
 - **Wildrose Road:** Use of Wildrose Road is permitted from Wildrose to the Charcoal Kilns. No groups, or fractions of groups, are permitted beyond the Charcoal Kilns.
 - a. Groups that are conducting up and back rides must ride to the turn-around point and wait for the entire group to gather at that location prior to making the return trip.
 - b. Cyclists must ride single file except when passing.
 - **Lower Wildrose Road (Wildrose to Panamint Valley):** This road is closed to all traffic (motorized vehicles and bicycles).
 - **Artist's Drive:** Bicycle groups will be permitted to ride on Artist's Drive provided the conditions below are met:
 - a. Two signs are required and must meet the requirements of the California Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices CAMUTCD
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/engineering/mutcd/ca_mutcd2014.htm for size and placement.
 - b. Signs shall adequately advise other road users that cyclists are on the road.
 - c. Signs should be located on the right-hand side of the roadway where they are easily recognized and understood by road users.
 - d. Signs should read either "Caution Cyclists on Road" or "Caution Special Event Ahead".
 - e. Sign locations:
 - i. The first sign shall be placed at the entry (just past the Artist Drive sign)
 - ii. The second sign shall be located north of the Artist's Palette pullout.
 - iii. Signs shall not obscure existing signs.
 - f. Signs must be free standing and may not be attached to existing road signs or posts.

- g. Signs may not be secured using rocks or other artifacts from the park. CUAs must provide their own way to secure signs (weights, sandbags, bricks) and must remove from the park all weight devices when the sign is taken down.
 - h. Signs must remain in place until all cyclists have reached Badwater road and be picked up by the CUA holder at that time.
 - i. Cyclists must ride single file at all times except when passing.
 - j. Cyclists must be released in groups of no more than 4 cyclists at a time, with a 10 minute interval between groups at the entrance of Artist's drive.
 - k. Groups must maintain a distance from each other and not group together.
- Follow vehicles are not permitted.
 - No aid stations may be located along Artist's Drive or at the Artist's Palette parking area.
 - **Zabriskie Point:** Zabriskie Point is open to pedestrian traffic only. Bicycles are not permitted on the pedestrian path to the Zabriskie Point lookout area. All bicycles shall be left at the bottom of the hill and shall not block the two visitor information boards.
28. It is the responsibility of the Holder to obtain any additional permits necessary for additional activities associated with this permit.
 29. CUA does not imply exclusive use of any area in the Park. Activity may occur anywhere in the park as long as it does not conflict with NPS-sponsored programs or obstruct the ability of visitors to access and enjoy an area of the park and take place in an area that is open to the general public. Locations must be pre-approved by the NPS and holder must provide a daily schedule.
 30. The following areas are closed to all entry, except when accompanied by National Park Service personnel: Copper Canyon, Devils Hole, Titus Canyon Cave, Lower Vine Ranch, American Borate Company mines near Ryan, Timbisha-Shoshone tribal areas near Texas Springs Campground, Crystal Cave, Skidoo Stamp Mill, all mines including those without an installed closure, any facilities or buildings used for the storage, treatment, or transmission of electricity, gas, telephone, waste disposal or domestic water and the Cow Creek employee housing area.
 31. All special use or commercial use activity areas will remain open to the public. Activities will not unduly interfere with other park visitors' use and enjoyment of the park, and will not block access to wayside exhibits, visitor centers, viewpoints, parking lots, or any points of interest.
 32. Trips taking place in wilderness will be undertaken in a spirit which preserves and enhances the wilderness resource, by furthering at least one of the public purposes of wilderness as defined in the Wilderness Act -- recreational, scenic, scientific, educational, conservation, or historical use.
 33. Pathways used to access areas will be chosen so as to minimize biophysical and social impacts.
 34. Operating a motor vehicle in a manner that causes unreasonable damage to the surface of a park road or route is prohibited.
 35. Vehicles with off-road registration "green stickers" may not be operated in the park.
 36. Off-road vehicles are prohibited from operating on all park roads, paved or dirt. These types of vehicles include, but are not limited to, ATVs, dirt or motocross bikes, and golf carts, Rhino or Polaris multiple passenger vehicles. Dual sport motorcycles are allowed on paved or dirt roads as long as the vehicle is registered and street legal according to California state laws.
 37. Off-road travel by any vehicles will be prohibited. This includes motorcycles, bicycles and four-wheel-drive vehicles. Vehicles are not permitted to park off road but may park in pre-disturbed areas along roadways and in a manner that does not prevent the flow of traffic. Keep all vehicles and trailers on established roadways and shoulders.

38. Vehicles will be clean and free of mud and vegetation on the body and undercarriage before entering the park.
39. Stunt or high-speed driving will be prohibited. All speed limits will be obeyed.
40. Maximum speed limit for all dirt roads is 25MPH.
41. The CUA operator is responsible for notifying the Park of any accident that results in an injury requiring the care of a physician.
42. The Holder shall pay the United States Government for any damage(s) resulting from this special use which would not reasonably be inherent in the use which the Holder is authorized to make, as described in this Authorization.
43. The Holder shall be responsible for costs associated with mitigation of damage to resources resulting from violation of park rules and or regulations.
44. The Holder shall assume all costs incurred by the National Park Service associated with rescues, evacuations and/or searches for persons participating in trips guided by the Holder and resulting from the Holder's negligence.
45. Any harassment and/or threats to any National Park Service employee by the Holder will result in the suspension and/or revocation of this Authorization.
46. This Authorization does not permit the Holder to advertise, solicit business, collect any fees, or sell any goods or services on lands owned and controlled by the United States.
47. Advertising for the authorized activity (CUA) shall not state or imply endorsement by the National Park Service or Death Valley National Park.
48. Commercial photography or commercial filming for use in advertising future trips, may require a separate filming permit and must be approved by the Superintendent. (Contact the Office of Special Park Uses for information.)
49. Natural and cultural features are protected by law and must not be disturbed or molested.
50. Non-native or exotic species of plants or animals will not be introduced to the park by any proposed activities.
51. Collecting or disturbing any animal, plant, rock or any other natural, historical or archeological feature will be prohibited.
52. Digging, scraping, or moving natural, historical or archeological features will be prohibited.
53. Furnishings, artifacts, and other historic objects will not be touched or moved, except by park staff. If the need to move any object is anticipated, special arrangements must be made in advance and approved by cultural resources staff.
54. Cutting of branches or removing any vegetation will be prohibited.
55. Hunting, trapping, feeding, touching, harassing, frightening or intentional disturbing wildlife will be prohibited.
56. Introducing wildlife, fish or plants, including their reproductive bodies, into the park's ecosystem will be prohibited.
57. Viewing wildlife with artificial light will be prohibited. This includes infrared and black lights.
58. Using a mineral or metal detector in the park will be prohibited except by special permission from the Park Superintendent.
59. Attaching anything to NPS facilities, structures, rocks or vegetation will be prohibited without permission of the Park Superintendent.

60. Pets will be prohibited in wilderness areas and on any trail. Pets must be restrained on a leash which shall not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise physically confined at all times. Pets must not be left unattended in a vehicle or tied to an object.
61. The Holder will not transport external speaker audio devices. Devices used with personal headphones/earplugs are allowed. Loud noises (exceeding 60 decibels at 50 feet in distance) will be prohibited between 10:00pm and 6:00am, and minimized at other times to protect park soundscapes.
62. Public address systems and sound amplification equipment will not be allowed unless prior permission has been requested and approved by the park's Special Use Coordinator. If approved, audio amplification may not interfere with other visitor activities.
63. Nudity in public areas will be prohibited.
64. Mylar or helium balloons will be prohibited. No release of doves, butterflies, or other living objects.
65. Removal, moving, or obscuring park road signs, speed limit signs, or wayside signs will be prohibited.
66. Activities will not interfere with traffic (vehicle or foot traffic) for more than 5 minutes at a time. An NPS monitor may be assigned to provide traffic control as needed.
67. Smoking will be prohibited inside buildings, on boardwalks and in vegetated areas.
68. All fire safety regulations will be complied with by the holder, including compliance with temporary closures resulting from extreme weather conditions.
69. Possession and/or use of fireworks are prohibited in the Park.

APPENDIX I – RECOMMENDED AID STATIONS

Authorized AID station locations for park roads:

Aid stations must be chosen prior to permit being issued. Aid stations include: tents, tables, food, water, first aid, and restrooms. Use of established facilities does not apply to these locations.

Badwater road: Furnace Creek to East park boundary (Badwater road / HWY 178)

Mile 3.0 – Golden Canyon parking lot, first (West most) RV parking spot. Aid station must not block vehicle traffic into and out of parking area.

Mile 3.1 ~ 3.1 – Both sides of road. Aid station shall not block or hinder viewing of speed limit sign.

Mile 7.1 ~ 7.3 – Both sides of road.

Mile 8.4 – West side of road, South of sign. Aid station shall not block or hinder viewing of sign.

Mile 10 – West side of road.

Mile 10.9 ~ 11.1 – West side of road. Aid station shall not block or hinder view of Devil's Golf Course road sign. Aid station must be located off pavement entering Devil's Golf Course road and shall not hinder traffic to Devil's Golf Course road.

Mile 12 – East side of road.

Mile 13.7 – West side of road.

Badwater parking lot – Southernmost Bus/RV parking stall.

Mile 20.3 – Both sides of road

Mile 21.4 ~ 21.5 – West side of road

Mile 22.8 ~ 23 – Both sides of road

Mile 26.7 – West side of road

Mile 30.2 – West side of road (small pullout)

Mile 34.1 – West side of road

Mile 37 ~ 37.2 – Both sides of road

Mile 41.4 – West side of road

Mile 43.8 – Ashford Mill parking area by restroom – Aid station shall not block visitor traffic.

Mile 47.4 ~ 47.6 – South side of road

Mile 48 – Both sides of road

Mile 49.7 – Both sides of road

Mile 52.1 ~ 52.3 – Both sides of road

Mile 52.4 ~ 53.7 – Both sides of road

Mile 56 – North side of road

INYO 178 (Badwater road) Mile 28.6 ~ 28.9 – Both sides of road

INYO 178 (Badwater road) Mile 31.4 – North side of road

INYO 178 (Badwater road) Mile 36 – Both sides of road. Do not block access to Furnace Creek Road.

North Highway (Scotty's Castle road): Intersection of HWY 190 and North Hwy to Grapevine ranger station

Northbound:

Mile .07 – Pullout – Northern end of pullout

Mile 4.2 – E side wide area

Mile 8 – E side

Mile 11.9 – E pullout – no not block sign

Mile 13.4 – E side

Mile 13.9 – E side

Mile 15.6 – E side wide area

Mile 16.8 – E side wide area

Mile 18.0 – E side

Mile 19.4 – E side

Mile 19.8 – E side wide area
Mile 20.3 – E side wide area
Mile 20.7 – E side wide area
Mile 22.3 – E side
Mile 24.75 – E side wide area
Mile 28 – E side wide area
Mile 28.8 – E side wide area
Mile 31.01 – E side wide area
Grapevine Ranger Station parking lot, S end – Do not block traffic

Southbound:

Grapevine Ranger Station parking lot, S end – Do not block traffic
Mile 31.01 – W side wide area
Mile 28.8 – W side wide area
Mile 24.01 – W side wide area
Mile 22.8 – W side wide area
Mile 20.7 – W side wide area
Mile 20.3 – W side wide area
Mile 19.1 – W side
Mile 18 – W side
Mile 16.8 – W side wide area
Mile 15.6 – W side wide area
Mile 13.9 – W side
Mile 12.3 – W side
Mile 4.2 – W side wide area
Mile.07 - Pullout – Northern end of pullout

Ubehebe Crater road:

Mile 3.3 – N & S side of road
Mile 5.9 – Parking lot at crater, 4 most N parking stalls

Bonnie Claire road: Grapevine ranger station to East park entry / NV HWY 267

Mile 36.3 – Scotty's Castle parking area
Mile 39.2 – S side of road

Daylight Pass road: From Mud Canyon (Scotty's Castle Road to Hells Gate), Hells Gate to East park entrance / NV HWY 374, and Beatty Cutoff (HWY 190 to Hells Gate).

Scotty's Castle Road – Mud Canyon Kisok. South end of pullout, do not block roadway.

Mile 3.4 – Both sides of road

Mile 6.6 – Hells Gate Kisok – East turnout section, do not block roadway or access to pullout.

Mile 9.5 ~ 9.6 – South side of road

Mile 13 – Daylight pass pullout – North side of road

Mile 17.1 – East park entry sign pullout, East most parking stall, do not block roadway or access to pullout.

Beatty Cutoff from HWY 190 to Hells Gate Kiosk:

HWY 190 and Beatty Cutoff intersection - East side of Beatty road.

Mile 3.4 ~ 3.5 – Both sides of road

Mile 7.1 – Both sides of road

Hells Gate Kiosk – East turnout section, do not block roadway or access to pullout.

State Route 178 and State Route 190

Aid stations located along California State roads need be approved and permitted by CalTrans and the park.

